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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

The problems of substance abuse and addiction have significant social and financial costs that can destroy homes and families.

Much attention has been focused on this issue, and over the past two decades, medical science has made great strides in learning about the nature of addiction and how to treat it. We have learned that addiction is a chronic illness that involves numerous brain chemistry disorders. However, treatment for addiction can be as effective as that for other chronic medical conditions, such as diabetes and hypertension.

The Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and others across the nation are joining with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment to recognize September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

This year's observance will focus on the tremendous progress made by individuals who have undergone successful treatment as well as on families in recovery. It also recognizes the many professionals in the treatment field, who work tirelessly in communities to set those in need of assistance on the path to recovery.

At this time, I urge all Texans to focus on this year's theme, "We Recover Together: Family, Friends, and Community." Let us always be mindful of the importance of this issue and the roles that we can play in furthering drug and alcohol treatment, while supporting the many programs that focus on providing outstanding services.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim September 2001,

Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
3rd day of August, 2001.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Rick Perry". Below the signature is a horizontal line, and underneath that line, the words "Governor of Texas" are printed in a small, sans-serif font.

Governor of Texas

